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SCENES IN RIVERSIDE CEMETERY.





hundreds of young men who are now among the leading business men of the city, or useful and prominent citizens elsewhere.

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE.

This is one of the oldest educational institutions in the State. First an academy, established by the Baptists of Michigan as early as 1833, then serving for some years as one of the branches of the University of Michigan, during which time it educated and prepared for college some of the brightest and ablest men the State has reared, it finally was chartered as a college in 1855 and has continued uninterruptedly since to send out its graduates, a large proportion of whom have gone into the Baptist ministry. Latterly the college has been placed upon a better financial footing through different gifts and bequests, Mr. Rockefeller, the great Standard Oil millionaire of Chicago, having alone contributed nearly \$100,000 to the college funds.

THE MICHIGAN FEMALE SEMINARY.

This well known institution for the education of young women was patterned after the famous Female Seminary at Mt. Holyoke, Massachusetts, and was founded in 1857. It has now been in operation for twenty-seven years, during which time it has turned out class after class, yearly, of the best and brightest young women of the State and is constantly growing in standing, numbers and influence. Though nominally a Presbyterian institution, it has been managed without sectarian bias, and is patronized by all denominations in the State. In its own field and for its especial purpose it stands alone among the educational institutions of Michigan.

OTHER SCHOOLS.

The educational institutions above described are the only ones of a strictly public character in the city, but there are two or three others which, though founded and maintained by private enterprise, are of such public usefulness and standing as to claim a passing notice in the summary of the educational advantages of Kalamazoo.

Parsons' Business College is one of these, established in 1869, and giving instruction in commercial branches and shorthand to a large class of young men and women since, and now preparing to move into a large and imposing College building affording room for 500 students, besides a lecture hall and gymnasium.

Another institution that derserves mention here is the Wilbur Home and School for the Feeble-Minded—though possibly in its character and purpose more strictly to be classed with institutions of charity and benevolence. But as it is not maintained by public funds, though an honor and advantage to the city, this is perhaps the proper place to give it honorable mention. Situated just outside the corporation, with large and pleasant grounds and ample buildings and all needed facilities for the care and instruction of its unfortunate pupils, it is patronized from all parts of the country, and doing a humane and noble work under its experienced and accomplished founder and his able assistants.

There is still one other school in the city, the one connected with St. Augustine Church, and supported by the Catholic denomination. Of course this is a private denominational school and